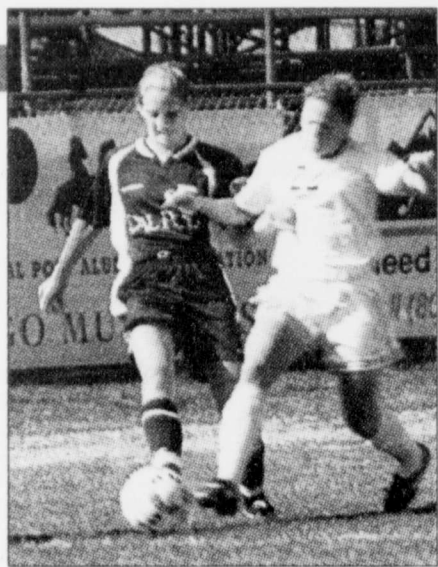


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Professor awarded Quality of Life grant

By Stephanie Perry

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Cal Poly professor has received recognition from a national foundation for his program designed to introduce people with disabilities to kayaking.

The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation (CRPF) awarded kinesiology professor Kevin Taylor a \$5,000 Quality of Life grant to buy kayaks and equipment for the Adapted Paddling Program. The program, developed by Taylor in 1999, creates an environment for people with disabilities to give them the freedom of movement in open-water kayaking.

"This is a profoundly deep learning experience that takes learn-by-doing to a whole new level," Taylor said.

The Adapted Paddling Program is offered as part of Taylor's "service-learning" classes that are offered each quarter. Cal Poly students receive special training in paddling and modifying equipment in order to meet the needs of each participant. Students then work one on one to teach participants how to paddle, first in Cal Poly's Crandall Pool, then in the Morro Bay estuary.

The Quality of Life award was designed by CRPF to help improve the quality of living for people with spinal cord injuries and other central nervous system disorders. CRPF was formed in 1999 and recognizes organizations that help improve opportunities, access and day-to-day quality of life for families and individuals living with disabilities, according to a press release.

Taylor's class is targeted toward people with mobility impairments and ranges from four to 14 participants, depending on the severity of the disability. The program has provided instruction for people with a range of disabilities such as quadriplegia, amputations, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy.

"It's really inspirational to see how much the Cal



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Kinesiology professor Kevin Taylor stands with one of his double sided kayaking paddles that is used in one of many projects for his adapted physical activities class. The class teaches people with mobility impairments how to paddle.

Poly students learn by getting to know the human being and making the human contact," Taylor said.

The program runs in connection with SLOCO Access, a community-based group that promotes and raises awareness of people with disabilities. Starting this quarter, SLOCO Access will provide funding for a part-time assistant to help promote and run the Adapted Paddling Program.

Tana Ching, a kinesiology senior, will coordinate the program. She said she sees it as a good opportunity to increase recreational activities for people with disabilities. The new grant, she added, will help buy new boats, as well as gear such as paddles and lifejackets.

"That means we don't have to borrow them from another outfitter like Poly Escapes," she said. "We have our own. It frees us up."

Ultimately, Taylor said he would like to have a fleet of 25 boats in order to meet each participant's needs.

"We service all different sizes and shapes of people so we need all different sizes and shapes of boats," he said.

Dawn Mikalatos, a recent kinesiology graduate, helped write letters and grants to businesses and organizations to raise donations for the program.

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ASI holds forum for students

By Collin Hester

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Semesters or quarters, quarters or semesters — students will finally get their say on the issue.

Associated Students Inc. will be hosting an open forum today at 7 p.m. in the San Luis Lounge (Quiet Room) of the University Union which will allow students to express their thoughts and concerns on the issue of a potential switch from a quarter to a semester calendar.

The forum is expected to include Vice President of Student Affairs Bob Detweiler and ASI President Angie Hacker along with various ASI officers. They will be presenting the issue, answering questions and listening to comments.

"Our purpose is to not only hear what students prefer, but the reasons why they want quarters or semesters," Detweiler said.

According to an e-mail sent by Hacker, she encourages all students to attend the forum, as the issue is very time sensitive and needs student's participation. Hacker was unavailable for comment.

Vice Chair of the Senate on the ASI Board Del Dingus said that it's

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Bill aims at protecting students

By Stephen Curran

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even though a bill signed Sept. 17 by Gov. Gray Davis is designed to keep students from accruing credit card debt, don't expect the ubiquitous solicitors to pack up their card tables and T-shirts just yet.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood), is designed to curtail the practices of these vendors and make them a little more forthcoming in

their practices. Assembly Bill 521 asks campuses to adopt policies that would limit the number of solicitors and prohibit them from distributing the free gifts for which they've become so well known. The bill also includes a request to colleges throughout the state to make debt education a mandatory part of freshman orientation.

"It's about protecting college students," said Scott Svokin, Koretz's chief of staff. "Many of them just

aren't ready for credit."

According to the California Public Interest Research Group (CalPIRG), a key supporter of the bill, 85 percent of students wound up signing up for credit cards not for the line of credit, but for the free gifts offered.

"People just aren't taught about credit," Svokin said.

At Cal Poly, no changes have been made yet, but Veronica Shippy, Associated Students Inc. vice president of Statewide Affairs, claimed that the university already conforms to most of the guidelines outlined in the bill.

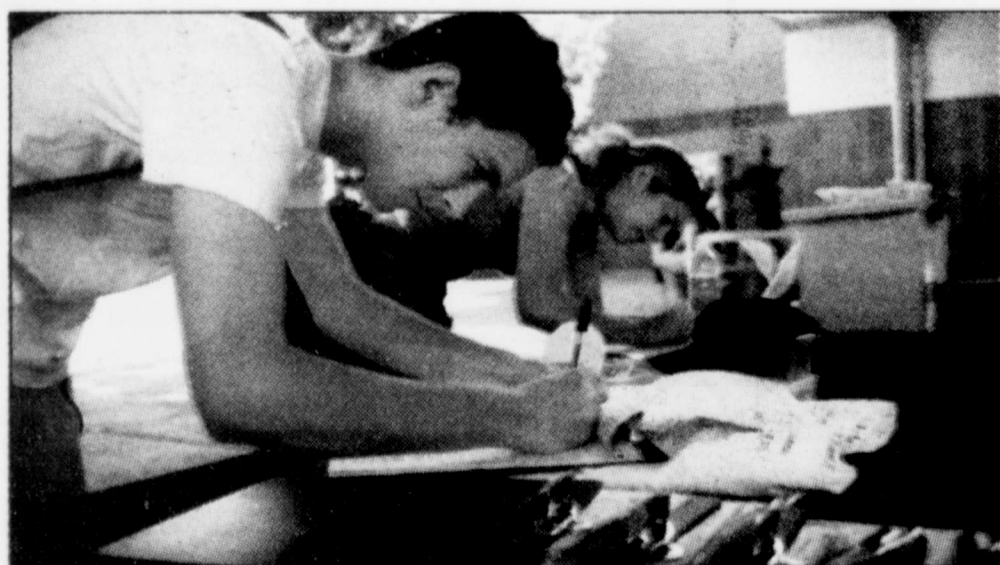
"I don't foresee any great changes on our part," Shippy said. "Currently (at Cal Poly), practices are that they have to advertise all information (regarding interest rates, etc.)."

Despite the fact that ASI does not anticipate any drastic changes, Shippy stressed that officers stood behind the bill and will be implementing any necessary changes as soon as possible.

"I am definitely with the intent of the bill," she said.

Senior Counselor for Financial Aid Julia Waller has seen the damage

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Mechanical engineering freshman William Igoe, front, and Kristi Kusten, animal science freshman, fill out applications for Citibank credit cards in the University Union Monday. Such companies offer free gifts for signing up.

Immigrants fearful after attacks

By Amy Hackbarth

MINNESOTA DAILY



(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS

Immigration lawyer Laura Danielson's clients have been living in fear the past two weeks after witnessing discrimination and hearing tales of foreigners being beaten and murdered.

"I have a lot of clients who are really afraid," said Danielson, also a University of Minnesota Law School adjunct professor. "They don't know if they should go home and they feel like people don't want them here."

U.S. immigrants like Danielson's clients might be in for a difficult time in the next few months as the public and the government react to the Sept. 11 attacks.

A violent public reaction is typical following an attack, Danielson said. She mentioned similar reactions after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

"In an incident like this, the public always responds with fear. If there are any non-citizens involved, people blame immigration policies," Danielson said.

Congress responded to the attacks with new proposals to strengthen the Immigration and Naturalization Service's authority.

And these plans are quite different than legislation proposed before the attacks, said Sam Myers, an immigration lawyer and former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Prior to the attacks, Myers said, Congress focused on reorganizing the INS and repealing harsher immigration laws.

Congress also considered granting legal status to skilled and unskilled aliens currently working in the country and creating an

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Library's PolyCAT gets technological face lift

By Laura Vega

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The days of waiting in line for course materials on reserve at Kennedy Library may now be over for some students.

Access to electronic reserves is one of the new features of PolyCAT, the library's online catalog. Along with a new look to its home page, the upgraded system provides immediate advanced searching options and access to a personal library record and online interlibrary loan services.

"Students can access their course reserves through the Web from home or from anywhere," said Navjit Brar, assistant dean of library services. "They don't have to stand in line."

Over the past year, the library has switched from a text-based to a fully Web-based online catalog system. The total cost for the project —

funded by Information Technology Services (ITS) and the library — was \$265,000, Brar said. The total includes \$165,000 for the Millennium program software, server and training, and about \$35,000 in donations from ITS. The remaining \$65,000 reflects hardware and infrastructure costs to complete the upgrade.

Brar said the change offers faster speed and unlimited user access. She added that the change was necessary to keep up with technology and to provide PolyCAT's new services to students, faculty and staff.

"We were not going to be able to (provide the services) with the old technology," she said.

Off-campus access to e-reserves requires a Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer. Users can reach PolyCAT through the library's Web site at

www.lib.calpoly.edu. Students must enter their name and barcode number from their Cal Poly identification card. The materials then can be viewed or downloaded using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Psychology senior Rick Macias said he would prefer to access the e-reserve option to having to manually photocopy reserve materials.

"It would be really easy to download and print out the part that I needed," Macias said.

For Nicole Markowitz, a natural resources management sophomore, the appeal is having quick access to materials online.

"You don't have to go to the

reserve room," Markowitz said. "You don't have to wait for other people to turn in the items."

Hiram Davis, dean of library services, said the e-reserve option provides a significant service for campus members.

"Being able to have access to library and faculty resources and to have it available when (students) want access is a key," Davis said. "We're really glad to make that kind of upgrade to the system."

Brar said professors are not required to use the e-reserve system for course materials on reserve.

Business professor Chris Carr is one who has decided to provide sample

test questions and papers online this quarter for the 200 students in his business law course. Carr is also keeping the hard-copy materials on reserve as an alternative for his students.

"In the era of e-commerce and the Internet, it makes a lot of sense to do this," Carr said.

Instructions for e-reserves are available through PolyCAT, along with information on copyright materials. Faculty can also request that their course Web sites be linked through PolyCAT.

Brar said that because the system is new, she wants PolyCAT users to contact the library about any problems they encounter.

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In an e-mail interview, Mikalatos said that the Adapted Paddling Program benefits both students and participants. Participants build self-esteem while students benefit by helping others and learning to relate to people with a disability, she said.

"His (Taylor's) programs are changing lives and viewpoints," Mikalatos said.

Taylor came to Cal Poly in 1999 when he was asked to teach the Adapted Physical Activity class. Anxious about teaching the class,

Taylor showed up on the first day in a wheelchair. Part way through the class, Taylor said he "freaked" out his students when he stood up and started walking around.

"This class is about learning to see the human being, not the disability," he explained to his students.

Taylor directs several other programs in association with the Adapted Physical Activity class. These include the Eye Cycle program, which provides tandem bike rides to people with visual impairment; the Friday Club, which teaches sports skills to people with developmental disabilities; and Team-Fit, in which students act as personal trainers to Special Olympics athletes.

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caused by credit cards firsthand.

"I have seen students come into the office asking for more loans (to pay off debt)," Waller said. "But it's not something we're going to increase the budget for."

While credit cards are not usually the direct problem people come into the office with, Waller said that they often have something to do with the problem.

"They usually don't say that they (credit cards) are the problem," Waller

said, "but when you listen, you can hear it comes down to credit cards."

While no official statistics were available, Waller, an 18-year veteran of the Financial Aid Office, has noticed a sharp increase in the amount of debt not related to educational expenses.

"I think if it's going to curb that, it's great," Waller said.

Students seem to be in favor of the bill, although they tended to view the solicitors more as nuisances than as predators.

"I'd be in favor of that," said Kasey Justus, an agricultural business junior. "I think they're more annoying than taking advantage of students."

ing in the United States.

Foreigners in the United States with student visas -- academic or vocational -- are not usually monitored aggressively, Myers said. That could change after the attacks.

"Most or all of the suspected terrorists in the attacks were in on student visas," he said. "While students aren't followed heavily now, I expect that to change."

New regulations allow the INS to detain aliens for 48 hours before issuing arrest warrants. Previously, the INS could detain aliens for 24 hours.

While Danielson said she understands the need for increased INS regulation, she fears the government and public response might be too severe.

"It's always frightening to think about World War II and what happened to the Japanese-Americans living in the United States," she said. "We'd hate to recreate that."

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amnesty for Hispanics living in the United States.

While continuing to concentrate on INS reorganization, Congress now is focusing on enforcing immigration laws and allowing the government to monitor immigrants living in the country.

"The attacks have radically taken away from many issues Congress was covering," Myers said. "Virtually any legislation that has to do with amnesty or repealing laws is on the back burner now."

One of President George W. Bush's proposals could give the INS authority to detain immigrants it suspects of participating in terrorist organizations.

Another proposal involves creating a database of international students liv-

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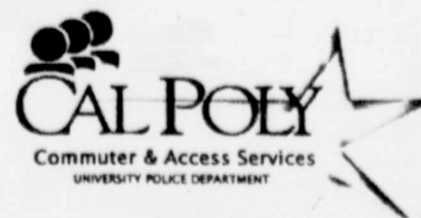
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crucial for students to take part in the forum because of the impact it may have on deciding the quarter versus semester issue.

"I think it has a great deal of influence, not only on how the faculty thinks, but also how the administration might think in terms of making that decision," Dingus said.

The academic departments recent-

ly voted on the issue and, with 50 percent of votes officially tallied so far, they showed support in continuing the quarter system. Two-thirds were in favor of quarters, one-third in favor of semesters and one-third without a preference. It is now time for students to come forward with their input and voice their opinions, with the consensus currently being opposed to such a calendar switch.

Once all the views, ranging from the students, faculty and administration, have been addressed, documented and analyzed, Cal Poly

President Warren Baker will notify the chancellor with an answer by an Oct. 15 deadline as to which system the students and faculty prefer, Detweiler said.

In fall 2000, California State University Chancellor Charles Reed asked all quarter campuses to consider the merits of converting to a semester calendar. Cal Poly is among five remaining CSUs that continues to function on the quarter system.

"The ASI Board is going to take an official position on behalf of the students, but they're trying to hear from

the students in advance," Detweiler said.

Provost Paul Zingg will be conducting similar activities for the faculty in order for their concerns to be addressed and a decision made. The Academic Senate, on behalf of the faculty, will take a position, Detweiler said.

"My sense is that most Cal Poly students would prefer to stay with quarters," he said.

Students must give reasons to show (if in favor of the quarter system) how the academic program is

stronger because of the quarter calendar, Detweiler said.

"The students have to express more than just a desire," he said. "It (the decision) has to have some rationale."

Dingus agreed that there needs to be some substantial indication that students are for quarters.

"If students are able to articulate a compelling reason for remaining the same or changing, then that will have a major impact on the final decision," Dingus said.

Red Cross hands out paid leave

By Andrea Cordaro
THE DAILY FREE PRESS

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, throngs of Red Cross volunteers, seeking to assist victims and their families, have been forced to use sick days or vacation time when missing work to help those in need, according to Massachusetts Democrats.

The House Democrats are pushing a bill that would allow state workers who are certified Red Cross volunteers 15 days per year of paid leave to respond to disasters.

"The Red Cross provides the support needed in emergencies, but without volunteers, only so much can be accomplished," said one of the bill's leading supporters, Rep. Jarrett Barrios (D-Cambridge), in a statement. "Under this bill, state workers are no longer penalized when they volunteer to assist the Red Cross during catastrophes by allowing them leave with pay."

Along with Barrios, House Ways and Means Committee

Chairman John Rogers (D-Norwood) strongly backed the bill, and said in the statement, "Those who volunteer with organizations such as the American Red Cross are this generation's heroes." Rogers argued those who have volunteered since Sept. 11 deserve compensation for lost income.

Rogers said the bill aims to "honor those state employees among us who have already volunteered their skills and time to the victims of Sept. 11 by making the provisions of this proposed act effective as of Sept. 11, 2001." Making the bill retroactive would compensate volunteers who have already put their lives on hold to aid in relief efforts.

The bill has gained tremendous momentum and is currently moving along more quickly than is typical, according to Andrew Dixon, Barrios' legislative aid. Dixon said the bill was introduced a few months prior to the attacks, and attributed its rapid acceptance to public concern over the incidents.

Mary Thang, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross of

Massachusetts Bay, said the Red Cross enthusiastically supports the bill. According to Thang, the bill has the potential to increase the organization's "preparedness, capability and capacity" to respond to disasters.

The passing of the bill would help more qualified volunteers be available during times of emergencies, Thang added. As the bill applies to state employees who are certified Red Cross volunteers, Thang said uncertified citizens would not be compelled to take leave from work.

Kevin O'Connell, senior director of Emergency Services at the American Red Cross, agreed the bill would ensure more qualified volunteers during times of emergency.

"The way we respond is through volunteers and donors who step forward to work in the Red Cross relief system," O'Connell said in a statement. "This legislation is important because it enables highly qualified people to volunteer during disasters which otherwise would be difficult to achieve."

Students learn to consolidate loans

By Jessica Aldon
THE TOWERLIGHT

(U-WIRE) TOWSON, Md. — Today, with college costs at an all-time high, students may spend more time paying for college than they do attending it. Learning how to manage students loans can make this process much easier.

Vincent Pecora, director of financial aid, said that last year there were 5,918 direct student loans at Towson University, worth almost \$26 million. There were 1,500 parent loans worth \$12 million, and 500 Perkins Loans worth \$2 million.

The interest rates on those loans are set on June 30, the beginning of every fiscal school year. At that point the department of Education evaluates the economy and sets the rates, and on July 1 those rates go into effect.

"We are in the loan business," Pecora said. "I encourage everyone to explore this option (and) to take a proactive approach to refinancing their loans."

Currently, the rate for a parent loan is 6.79 percent and 5.39 percent for a student loan.

If the loans are paid electronically, they take 0.25 percent off the payment.

The loans that are eligible to be consolidated are federal family education, direct loans, federal insured student loans, federal direct consolidation loans, supplement loans, parent loans, health education, Perkins Loans and several more.

The advantages to refinancing are a lower monthly payment, reduction of total cost of borrowing, a fixed rate and the ability to choose a more flexible payment plan.

Patricia Rhodes, associate director of financial aid, said students should make sure they manage their loans and debt well.

"Consolidation and refinancing of those loans will help students and parents to be able to do that," she said.

For those students who borrow money, consolidation is often a worthwhile investment because it lowers the monthly payment and gives students longer to pay off their loans.

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Salsa club starts off new year with a kick

By April Pack

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Watching a dance lesson from the Cal Poly Salsa Club was like watching the movie "Dirty Dancing." As an observer, it quickly became obvious that for some attending the class, the dance moves came naturally, but for others it was awkward, probably taking everything they had to come to the lesson standing. Looking around, every person had a smile on his or her face, either out of nervousness or just because they were having a great time.

The Cal Poly Salsa Club is quite young, less than a year old, but attendance to the lessons shows that there is a want and need for it. In the last three quarters, it has grown by 400 members, not just Cal Poly students but also people from all ages throughout the community.

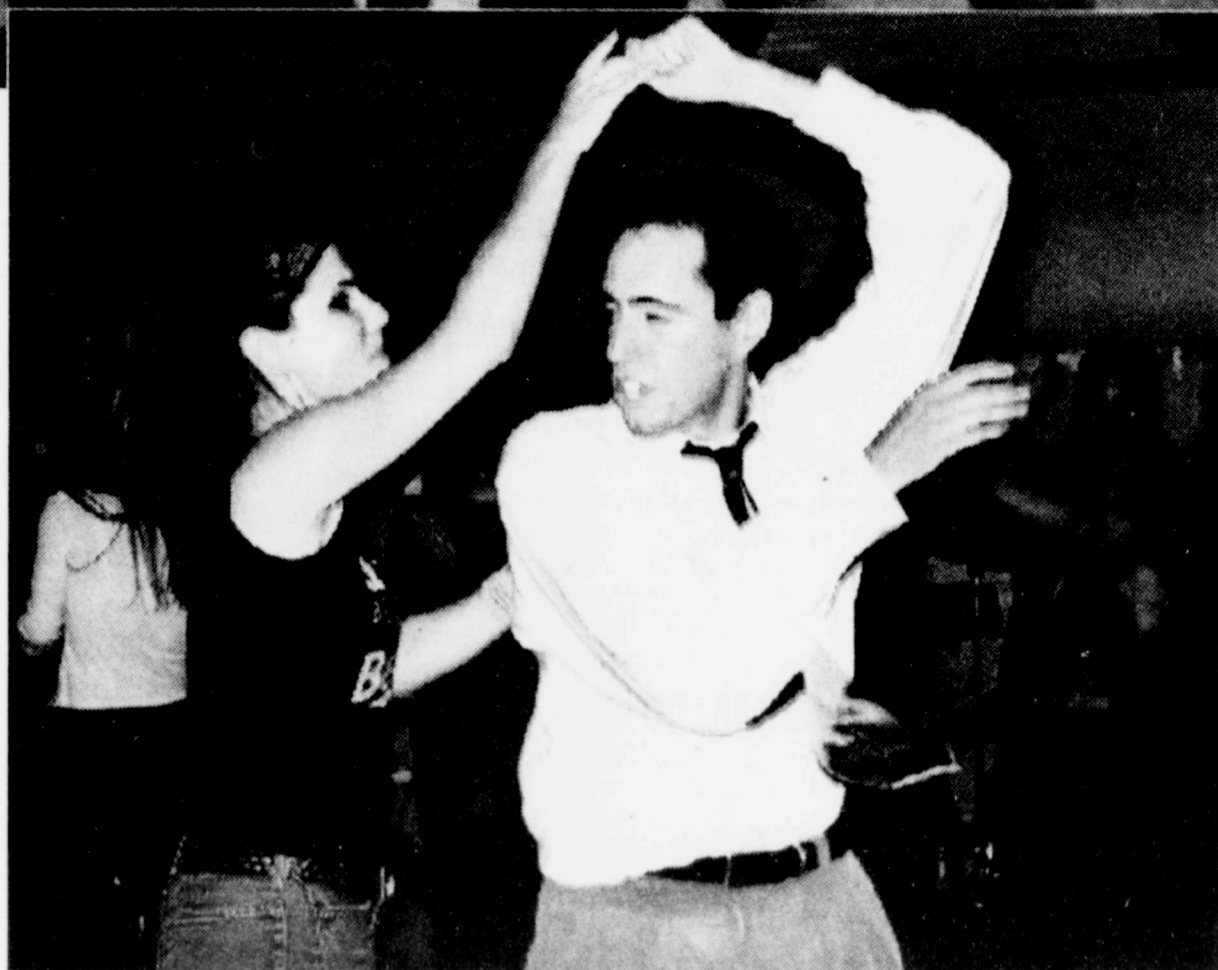
Not only is the dance alluring and exciting, but it is also a great outlet for people to meet. Salsa dancing is performed very closely and intimately with another partner, with quick foot and lower body movements.

"Salsa is more romantic, and you get more of a personal bond with another person that you can't experience from other ballroom dancing, and I have tried almost every one," said Jeff Berkman, a dance instructor and founder of the club.

Ed Rodriguez, the co-founder of the club, said that in salsa, dancers have more freedom to express themselves in different ways without confinement.



Right, dance instructor and Cal Poly Salsa Club founder Jeff Berkman dances with Sandra Bullock at a party the actress threw last May in Morro Bay. Above, the Salsa Club holds a practice session in building 5, room 225.



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Berkman said that in the fall, the majority of people who attend lessons are freshmen. He explained

that a lot of people come to meet people of the opposite sex, and he has even seen couples spawn from

the club. Not only that, he explained, but also as is done in salsa dancing, "we have seen criss-crossing in couples, and we encourage it."

The Salsa Club was created by Berkman, a civil engineering junior, and Ed Rodriguez, a aero-engineering senior. The two met during a salsa class at a local club.

"The salsa scene in SLO is small, so we wanted to encourage salsa and make it more popular," Berkman said.

Last summer, Berkman, Rodriguez and a group of their friends began casually teaching lessons at Cal Poly. Even without advertising, the turnout was huge. At one point, 70 people showed up for lessons and the class had to be moved outside. With this much backing, the Cal Poly Salsa Club became official in September of last year.

Since that short time ago, the club has skyrocketed and grown. Not only does the club offer lessons every Tuesday night, but it also plays host to house parties, workshops and celebrity instructors from Los Angeles. On Oct. 27, Edie and Al Espinoza, who have taught in many countries and taken first place in many national dance competitions, will travel from Los Angeles to teach the art

of salsa at Cal Poly. From 4 to 7 p.m. in the Chumash Auditorium, the duo will provide an intense three-hour workshop for all levels of salsa dancers—even those new to the genre. A one-hour beginners course will be provided before the actual workshop.

Aside from famous dance instructors, the Cal Poly Salsa Club also draws celebrities of a different kind. Last May, salsa club dancers were invited to actress Sandra Bullock's party in Morro Bay after she finished filming a movie in the area. At the party, they gave salsa lessons to actors, helping them to relax and mingle.

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Jeff Berkman
dance instructor

Some of the club's members also started a performance group early last quarter. Their first performance recently took place at Cal Poly's Open House Sept. 22.

"Our hopes are to have a real hard-core salsa troupe that travels all over the world," Berkman said.

He explained that in the future, the club hopes to branch out more into the community. The club is working on having a street dance every Thursday at Farmers Market where it would offer free lessons to the public. Berkman said that in October, a spot would be opening up that the club could take.

The Cal Poly Salsa Club offers lessons every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cal Poly, building 5, room 225. Each lesson is \$5 a person. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are offered, and after that, "you're just a salsa junkie," said Kathleen Lewis, a member of the club. "Then you will just hang out with us 24-7."

For more information on the Cal Poly Salsa Club, visit their Web site at www.cpsalsa.com.

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SUV driving is for people who like lots of traffic

Let's face it. Americans love their cars. The car is more than simply a means to an end, but a symbol of that which we hold most dear: our freedom. We pride ourselves on being able to do things at our leisure, and the automobile allows us to do so. It's there to take us to work, run errands, or on the

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great American road trip that has become stuff of lore. We drive for no other reason than to simply drive, and we love every mile of it.

However, as those of us in the great state of California know, this love has not come without a price. Congested highways, road rage and the almost inevitable fender-benders are the unfortunate by-products of this freedom that we take for granted.

One drive up or down Cuesta Grade illustrates this point. Construction on the grade has been continuing in earnest since 1999 and is not slated for completion until late 2003. Suddenly, as I'm sure those who have to commute over the grade will agree, driving lost a lot of its innate charm. Driving has since become a chore, something to be dreaded. It has become a hindrance to productivity instead of the catalyst it was designed to be. Traffic-related tardiness and fatigue have become a fact of life not only in urban areas, but here as well.

It is with this reality in mind that CalTrans earmarked \$3 million for programs designed to stimulate the use of alternative transportation. This comes as part of the Transportation Equity Act, which allows up to \$780 per person in commuter subsidies.

Now, following the enactment of this bill in 1998, San Luis Obispo County jumped on the bandwagon forming the San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare, a program providing alternative transportation for county commuters. Our version of this program allows people to utilize a variety of options, ranging from subsidized vanpool and bus passes to compressed work schedules, even to biking or telecommuting.

As traffic becomes more of a concern here in our relatively unspoiled county, programs such as these become even more important. As seen down south, larger freeway infrastructure is not the sole answer to increasing traffic. While growth in our county is inevitable, our leaders have the rare opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the past. We know that building more roads is part of the solution, but it is not the whole solution. But, these changes are not going to come overnight; it is going to take effort on all our parts to make Rideshare a success.

We have always been a restless country, and the automobile gave us an outlet for our wanderlust. Changing our commuting habits does not mean we have to give up our beloved cars, trucks and SUVs, but it does mean that each of us is going to have to support this program and others like it. Freedom is what makes this country great, and wasting time in traffic keeps us from enjoying this freedom to its fullest. So, next time you're circling the parking lot or stuck in traffic downtown, think: are you part of the solution or part of the problem?

Stephen Curran is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Don't let fear give in to acts of hatred

Editor,

When I first saw the footage of burning buildings on the news that Tuesday morning, I was horror stricken along with everyone else. My sadness was immediately followed by fear — fear not only for the worldwide ramifications of the attack, but for the fate of the Muslim people here at home.

It is too easy to let anger overcome reason and to give in to hatred. Muslim Americans have already endured severe harassment and violence all over America. According to a statement released by Amnesty International on Sept. 26, "Muslims, Arabs, and Sikhs have been shot, stabbed, and beaten. Mosques have been firebombed. Shops have been looted." We cannot let this country erupt in racism.

Many Muslims living in America came here fleeing the oppressive, fanatical regimes of countries like Afghanistan. Why punish Muslims here for the evils of extremists who do not represent true Islam in the slightest? I was born in Stanford, Calif., and raised Muslim. For me, being Muslim means believing in God and all the prophets and living in a modest and just manner. There is nothing inherently violent about Islam. I do not want to continue being scared that my community will be subjected to racism and brutality in a country that is supposed to represent freedom.

If Americans give in to their feelings of paranoia and hate, then the terrorists truly will have won. They not only will have destroyed buildings and murdered thousands of people, but they will have changed America into a country that is no longer the land of the free.

Sabiha Basrai is an art and design sophomore.

PSA makes a great herring casserole

Editor,

In response to the letter sent by Michelle McCready ("PSA members not part of violent

demonstrations," Oct. 1), I'd just like to say, "That's nice, when are you going to respond to MY letter?" You obviously had a copy of the Mustang Daily available, because you spelled my name right all three times. The link between your letter and mine seems to end there. At no point did I ever insinuate the PSA was responsible for the Seattle riots. I did take exception to the PSA portrayal of the riots as the beginning of "a global movement toward peace and justice." If that was the beginning of such a movement, said movement began with one triumphant step backward, and has maintained that trajectory ever since.

Nowhere in my letter do I present an argument such as the PSA is anti-American "by being against war." My letter characterized you as being "against America herself," because your club has made statements akin to those of the Taliban. You should have gleaned that from the headline placed directly above my letter, "PSA statements have sentiment of Taliban." At no point do you contest this assertion in your letter.

Personally, I believe you know that what I've said is true, and wrote this piece of half-baked red herring casserole in an attempt to change the subject. The only other reason you wouldn't contest such a statement is that you didn't read or understand my letter.

Finally, I'd like to tell you I have learned much since the tragedy. I learned that the Taliban is the horribly repressive dictatorship controlling Afghanistan, and that the former king of Afghanistan has lived in exile for 23 years, waiting to return. I've learned that the Taliban refuses to eliminate the terrorist element within the borders its controls. I've learned there is a civil war being fought in that country. Afghanistan is already at war, and those who have organized the murder of 6,000 innocents reside there. America must fight this war against terror, beginning with the Taliban and Al

Quida.

As President Bush has announced to the world, either you are on our side, or you are on the side of terrorism. I find it unfortunate that the PSA has chosen to passively support terrorism.

Stephen Metrulas is a mechanical engineering senior.

Reader forfeits patriotism for peace making

Editor,

I guess I'm not patriotic because I don't believe in war. I guess I'm not patriotic because I don't own an American flag. If patriotism means coming together to destroy innocent people, then you can count me out. I'm a peace maker, not one professing jingoism. In this case I'd rather forfeit the label that reads "patriot."

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One nation, with or without God

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — In God most of us trust. It is said that 94 percent to 96 percent of U.S. citizens believe in a god. In such times as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, that means as much as 96 percent of our nation likely will turn to religion to find some answers.

There is no reason they shouldn't be allowed to do this. They shouldn't be shoved behind closed doors to conduct their search for meaning. If they want to talk with others who share their beliefs and want to find their way out of the darkness together, that is their right.

And as a human being and citizen of the United States, it is President George W. Bush's right to do the same. He asked those who pray to pray to their God. He didn't tell the nation they had to pray; he just suggested it.

It doesn't have to do with the separation of church and state. It has to do with the separation of George W. Bush and his title as president of the United States. He is reli-

gious; his title is not.

People should understand that atheists do find meaning in their lives. Many feel just as terrible about the attacks and also search for answers as to why this happened. They just find the answers in different places. But atheists also need to understand that those who do believe in God need to express their faith.

They aren't necessarily trying to shun atheists; they're just coping in the best way they know how.

Bringing God into political speeches isn't meant to rally the troops. It isn't meant to spur a holy war. It is simply an attempt to console lost individuals. It is meant to give some people comfort.

Don't let this be something that divides the country. One thing we never seem to learn as a nation is that different isn't better or worse; it's just different. We ask different questions; we find different answers and we believe in different things. One isn't better

than the other, and neither should force its beliefs on the other.

The purpose of the separation of church and state is so everyone can freely believe what he or she wants. Everyone can believe in any god, no god or many gods. Silencing religious speech goes against the freedom to express faith. Bush can say, "God bless America" because our Constitution says he can. Telling people not to bring God into the terrorist attacks is asking people to silence their beliefs.

Not only is this impossible for most religious people to do, but it also goes against what our country stands for. It's not that our country was founded on religion or meant for religious people only. It means that the minority of people are allowed as strong a voice as the majority. It does not, however, mean the minority of people can silence the voice of the majority.

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Junior forward Megan Schlegel had seven shots while freshman midfielder Heidi Spink notched four to lead the Mustangs.

Goalkeeper Greta Shirdon had one save for her second shutout this season and third of her Mustang career.

Cal Poly was whistled for 12 fouls; Northern Arizona nine. The Mustangs had five corner kicks while the Lumberjacks were held without one.

The Mustangs had already gone into double overtime once last weekend by Sunday's game. But in the

first double overtime contest, they couldn't pull out a tie as they did Sunday.

Erin Egertson scored in the second overtime period to lift the UNLV Rebels to a 1-0 victory over Cal Poly in the UNLV/FILA Women's Soccer Tournament on Friday night at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

The two teams battled through 90 scoreless minutes in regulation and a 15-minute first overtime period before Egertson scored in a shot off a corner kick in the 109th minute.

"Corner kicks are dangerous in overtime and we gave up too many of them," said Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier.

Each team produced a dozen shots on goal. The Mustangs were called for a dozen fouls compared to two for UNLV.

"We had two real good chances to score in regulation, but didn't finish them, and we also had one in overtime," Crozier said. "We couldn't put it away."

Cal Poly, which had won three of its last four matches after an 0-3 start, fell to 3-5-1 after this weekend's matches. Northern Arizona (3-4) fell to Utah State 3-2 in Friday's other tournament game.

Cal Poly was playing both schools for the first time. UNLV, despite its under-.500 record, has outshot its opponents 101-92. Junior midfielder Cristyn Enea is the Rebels' top scorer with four goals and an assist for nine points. Senior midfielder Anita Pedford has scored a pair of goals. Senior goalkeeper Alice Gleason has a 2.10 goals - against average with 36 saves and one shutout.

UNLV has beaten Washington State

1-0 and Southern Utah 3-0. A week ago last Sunday, the Rebels fell 4-1 to Arizona, their second straight loss. UNLV is coached by Dan Abdalla, who was 11-9 in his first season with the Rebels in 2000.

Northern Arizona blanked Southern Utah 3-0 on Sunday to even its record at 3-3. Holly Jones scored a goal in the match and has three for the season. Sarah Pachan and Nadia Masnyj each scored their second goals of the season for the Lumberjacks. Andre Luciano is Northern Arizona's first-year head coach. The Lumberjacks were 7-14 a year ago, finishing in a tie for third place in the Big Sky Conference.

Cal Poly dropped its first three games of the 2001 season, all by shutout, for the third time in four years, but has won three of its last four matches, including Sunday's 1-0 victory over Montana at

home. Alex Crozier has guided Cal Poly to nine straight winning seasons and sports a 117-57-11 career win-loss-tie mark.

Cal Poly plays its final two nonconference matches of the season this weekend in Los Angeles. Friday, the Mustangs face Princeton at 4 p.m. and Sunday, Cal Poly takes on Loyola Marymount at 1 p.m. Both matches will be played at Loyola Marymount University.

Four of Cal Poly's first seven opponents this season qualified for the NCAA Tournament a year ago. The Mustangs also were to play Washington State, another NCAA qualifier, but that match was canceled due to the tragic events on the East Coast on Sept. 11.

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games have been against teams who competed in the NCAA Tournament a year ago.

The nine-game Big West Conference schedule opens Oct. 12 with Cal Poly at Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs will host conference games against Idaho, Utah State, Cal State Fullerton and newcomer UC Riverside.

Led by four seniors, Cal Poly is poised to achieve its 10th consecutive winning season, all under Crozier. Forward Sandy Ocegüera scored five goals and had 12 points for the Mustangs last fall while defender Katie Bowe notched a pair of goals and had seven points. Midfielder Carolyn Schiffner and defender Amy Turner are the other two seniors on the squad this season.

"Three of our four seniors are in their fifth year and have been a big part of our program," said Crozier.

Ocegüera missed some time at the beginning of the 2001 season while she completed play on the Mexican

National Team at the University Games in China. "Sandy does a little bit of everything for us," said Crozier. "She was our goalie two years ago."

Forward Megan Schlegel produced 10 goals and 22 points as a sophomore and will be counted on once again to be a top scoring threat for the Mustangs. Other key returnees include defenders Annette Croteau and Brooke Flamson along with midfielders Heather Bryan, Amanda Enfield, Jannelle Loudat and Shannon Moore.

Crozier feels the play of his backfield will determine the success of this year's team. "We need to be real solid in the back defensively," said Crozier. "The corps of backs returning this year are real good and play real comfortable together. And we need to establish a good attacking offensive rhythm. If we stay healthy, we will do well."

Two years ago Cal Poly earned a spot in the NCAA Division I Tournament for the first time in school history, defeating Fresno State in the first round before bowing out to Stanford. That squad finished the year 13-9.

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Men's and women's soccer roundup

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Men lose a pair at Clemson Nike invite

CLEMSON, S.C. — Cal Poly suffered its third straight loss in men's soccer Sunday, falling 2-1 to the Furman Palladins in the Clemson/Nike Invitational. Sergei Raad scored the winning goal midway through the second half for Furman, snapping a 1-1 tie. Raad scored from close range near the left post in the 65th minute for his sixth goal of the season, giving the Palladins their seventh victory without a loss this season. Furman is ranked fourth by Soccer America and 22nd by the NSCAA poll.

"Overall we played an excellent game," said Cal Poly head coach Wolfgang Gartner. "It sure was a step up from our last game against Clemson (a 1-0 loss on Friday). Despite the loss, we did not deserve to lose."

Cal Poly scored in the third minute. Chris Sigler sent a pass into the box to freshman forward Mark Jones, who scored from 12 yards out at the 2:39 mark.

Furman tied the score at the 20:36 mark. Jack Handy took a pass from Clint Dempsey and headed the ball into the upper left corner of the goal.

Furman outshot Cal Poly 12-9. Palladin goalie Scott Blount recorded four saves while Cal Poly sophomore keeper Greg Blevins had three.

"We were lucky enough to be ahead in the first half and the second half was an even match," said Gartner. "We just came out on the short end."

Sigler, a junior defender, and senior midfielder Barrymore Matthews were named to the all-tournament team.

Earlier in the weekend, Cal Poly was topped by host Clemson in the same tournament.

Ian Fuller scored early in the second half in leading Clemson to a 1-0 win over Cal Poly in the second game of the Clemson-Nike Men's

Soccer Invitational on Friday night.

Following the win, Clemson moved to 5-2 on the year, while Cal Poly fell to 1-2-1 on the season. Clemson is ranked 17th nationally by the Soccer America poll.

Fuller scored for the Tigers at the 47:10 mark in the game. Kevin Conaway and Oguchi Onyewu were credited with the assists. Kevin Conaway had a long throw in from the left side. Onyewu headed the ball to Fuller who scored for his team-leading fifth goal of the season.

Onyewu is a Hermann Trophy candidate this season.

The Tigers outshot Cal Poly 29-4 and had eight corner kicks compared to the Mustangs' 2.

"We played as well as we could outside the boxes," said Clemson Head Coach Trevor Adair. "We could not finish inside the box tonight. But overall I was very pleased in the way we played. I will take a 1-0 win any day. Our defense was simply outstanding tonight."

Cal Poly, which won its season opener against Illinois-Chicago and tied Long Island two days later, fell to 1-3-1 with the two losses this weekend. The Mustangs will play at Gonzaga on Friday afternoon.

Men suffer from layoff

BERKELEY — Forward Mike Munoz scored one goal and assisted on the other three as the University of California Golden Bears defeated Cal Poly 4-0 in a nonconference men's soccer match on Sept. 22 at



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In a game last season against UC Santa Barbara, Megan Schlegel forwards the ball to a teammate. She was last year's leading scorer and is one of the Mustang's biggest returning threats.

Goldman Field in Edwards Stadium.

The match was the Mustang's first in 20 days due to several postponements in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"It's pure speculation; I'm not sure that had anything to do with the outcome of the match," said Gartner. "It was a tough road game against an opponent who was ready. We started off poorly and made two mistakes that led to early goals."

Munoz assisted on Cal's first goal with a corner kick to Pat Fisher just 2:36 into the match. Then Munoz scored his own goal off a long throughball from Fisher at the 18:12 mark. Cal led 2-0 at halftime.

Munoz also assisted on both second-half goals for Cal. Austin Ripmaster scored in the 62nd minute and Alex Martinez completed the scoring in the 76th minute.

"We fell behind too much and it was difficult to try to play catchup," said Cal Poly head coach Wolfgang Gartner. "We had some good moments, but we were not lucky enough to score. Overall, Cal was

the better team on this day."

Cal moved to 3-3 on the season with the win. Cal outshot Cal Poly 15-11.

Women go to double overtime twice over weekend, earn a draw

LAS VEGAS — Cal Poly and Northern Arizona battled to a 0-0 draw in the final game of the UNLV/FILA Women's Soccer Tournament on Sunday afternoon at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

"We had quite a few shots, but just could not find the back of the net this weekend," said Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier.

The Mustangs, who fell 1-0 to UNLV in double overtime Friday night, outshot Northern Arizona 25-5 on Sunday, but saw their record drop to 3-5-1.

"We played two overtime games, so we got some fitness in," said Crozier.

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Hoops at UCONN

The tents inside the ticket office walkway served as transplanted dorm rooms, as televisions, VCRs and every video game system imaginable kept students busy for the three nights prior to the start of ticket sales.

Campers strung extension cords and power strips down the hallway, bringing precious power to their PlayStations and DVD players.

Camping out for men's basketball season tickets at the University of Connecticut is a rite of passage for UConn sports fans. These fans abandoned both their dorm rooms and classes for three days, all for the privilege of paying either **Matt Sterling** \$35 for seven games at Gampel Pavilion (located on campus) or \$50 for 10 games at the nearby Hartford Civic Center.

Most people in line wanted the full package, ready to exchange \$85 for 17 tiny pieces of paper guaranteeing them admission to the entire slate of the men's basketball home season.

Fans were only allowed to camp three nights, but if the ticket office didn't limit students to begin camping after 7 p.m. Wednesday, some fans would likely set up shop a week before sales began.

Students jockeyed with each other for line position, for no reason other than pride, since nearly every one in line would be able to buy tickets and there was no assigned seating — student tickets are general admission for the student section at Gampel.

The men's basketball team paid a visit to the rabid fans Friday afternoon, inviting them into Gampel to watch an informal practice with the men's team scrimmaging on one side of the court and the women's on the other. As the team walked down the tent-filled walkway, a look of amazement for the fans' dedication filled some of the younger players' faces. That expression soon changed, perhaps because the players realized that, in that hallway, were the most vocal fans after a victory but also the loudest critics after a defeat.

Friday night was a colossal party, with the alcohol flowing like water throughout the ticket line, which grew longer by the hour.

This is Big East basketball, after all — the opposite of Big West basketball.

During conference season, the Huskies play against St. John's and Boston College, whereas Cal Poly is set in opposition to Cal State Northridge and UC Irvine.

At Cal Poly, fans pick up free tickets before the game and grab great seats even as the game begins. At UConn, the only way to attend games in the student section is buying season tickets — the entire season was sold out by 3 p.m. Saturday.

If the Mustangs began charging students to attend games, the student section would quickly be as empty as the Mustangs' backcourt without Jamaal Scott.

UConn can charge students because of the large trophy collection in the men's basketball office, with the beacon of the 1999 National Championship overshadowing everything.

UConn is one of the best, and they play the best. And paying \$35 to see the best play is quite a deal, even if camping out is the only way to get tickets.

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Women's soccer season preview

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After a slow start in the 2000 season, Cal Poly won the Big West Conference women's soccer title for the second straight year. The goals for the 2001 Mustang squad are even higher.

"Our goals are to win the conference, get into the NCAA Tournament and get beyond the second round," said 10th-year Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier. "Those are realistic goals for us."

Cal Poly rebounded from a 1-4 start and reached the NCAA Division I Tournament for the second straight year last fall, but fell to Santa Clara 3-1 in the opening round. With seven starters and 16 lettermen returning from a squad that went 11-7-1 a year ago, including a 6-2 mark in Big West Conference play, Crozier said before the season that he didn't expect the team to start slow again this season.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs did

start slowly once again this year, losing their first three matches for the third time in the past four years. Cal Poly was shut out in each of the three matches.

Cal Poly saw its overall record fall to 3-5-1 after posting a loss and a tie last weekend at the UNLV/FILA Women's Soccer Tournament.

"We lost seven seniors, but we had a lot of underclassmen who played a lot of minutes last season," Crozier said.

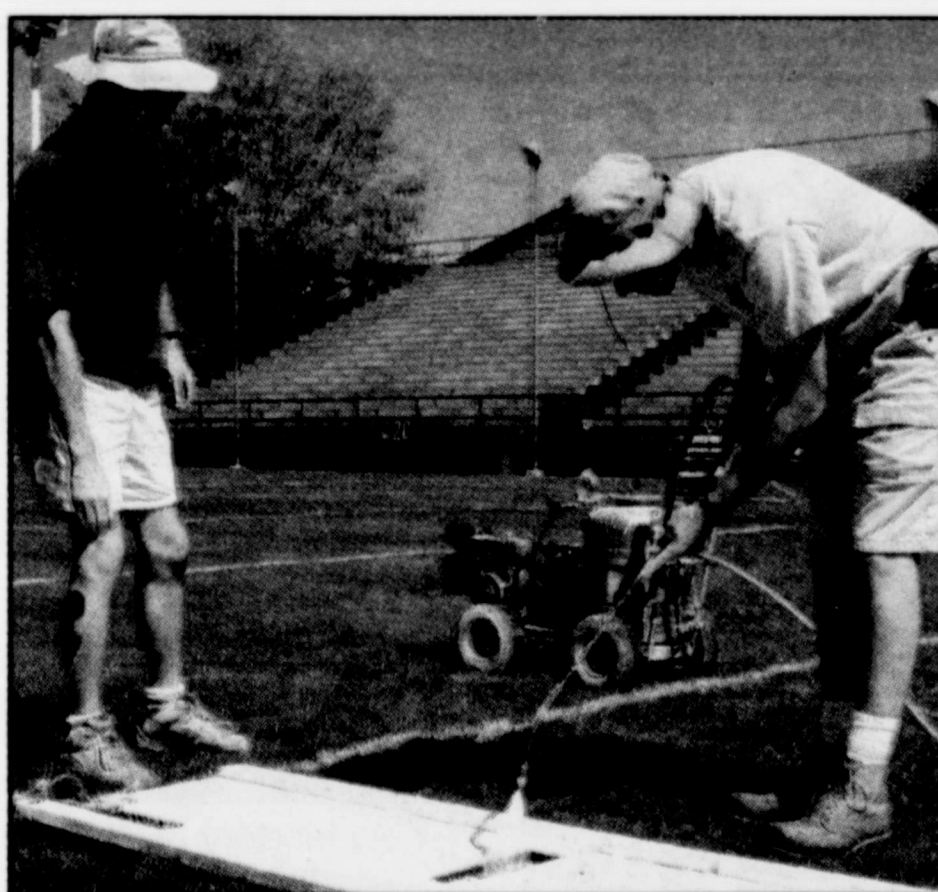
The four early season losses in 2000 all were by one goal to the likes of Santa Clara, San Jose State, Fresno State and Dayton.

"We were in every single one of those games," said Crozier. "It took a little longer than I expected to gel. We had a real tough early season schedule."

It hasn't been any easier this fall as four of Cal Poly's first seven

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Drawing the line



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Brad Holland (left) helps Don Williams paint the yard markers in Mustang Stadium in preparation for the football game against Western Washington last Saturday.